

at Tezpur in Assam is expected to be technically ready by December, 1996.

Development of Tourist Places

1002. SHRI MEHENDRA SINGH BHATI :
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the tourist places of Rajasthan that are likely to be developed with Central assistance;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearance of those projects;

(c) the time by which the work on these projects are likely to be started; and

(d) the details of funds likely to be incurred on various places of tourist interest in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (d). In consultation with the State Government of Rajasthan, Six projects at Gangaur, Ajmer, Mt. Abu, Churu, Jhunjhunu and Osian have been identified for the development of tourism infrastructural facilities in the State during 1996-97. Central financial Assistance is sanctioned for projects on receipt of detailed proposals from the State Governments.

So far, no detail proposal has been received from Rajasthan.

Telephones in Villages

1003. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed the target for linking the villages with telephones during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the target has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during the above period; and

(e) the reason for not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Partially achieved.

(c) and (d). The details of targets and number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during the last three years are given in statement attached.

(e) The main reason for not achieving the targets, is non-supply of Radio systems by indigenous suppliers in the stipulated time frame.

STATEMENT

Details of target and number of villages where telephone connections have been provided during last three years.

S.No.	Year	Target	Achievement
1.	1993-94	46820	33001
2.	1994-95	50000	47659
3.	1995-96	1,05,000	31496

[Translation]

Telecom Offices in Udaipur

1004. SHRI BHERULAL MEENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office of Telecommunication Department (South), Director, Telecommunications, Udaipur is proposed to be shifted elsewhere; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). No decision has yet been taken.

Introduction of New Air routes

1005. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce new air routes in the country during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof Sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Indian Airlines has, at present, no firm proposal to introduce any new service in the domestic sector. Private Operators decide their route schedules as per Government guidelines, in their best commercial judgement and seek the approval of the Director General of Civil Aviation.

[English]

Asian Media Summit

1006. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Asian Media Summit on Child Labour has been held recently in Manila;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the discussion held?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IRBAHIM) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, an Asian Summit on Child Raights and Media was held in Manila from 2nd to 5th July,1996. The purpose of the Summit was to discuss issues relating to media in Asia with respect to child rights and portrayal and depiction of children.

(c) The Summit adopted a Declaration, a copy of which is annexed as statement.

STATEMENT

Asian Declaration on child rights and the media (Manila, July 2-5,1996)

We, Ministers of Information, Education, Welfare and Social Development from ... countries of Asia, Senior Officials representing the various Governments, executives, researchers, practitioners and professionals from various streams of media, non-Government organisations, advocacy groups and concerned individuals gathered in Manila for the Asian Summit on Child Rights and the Media

re-affirming our commitment to ensure implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as ratified in our countries.

acknowledging the developmental role, responsibility and power of all forms of media to inform, entertain, educate and influence; and,

recognising their potential for children and for social change.

Now, therefore, resolve that all media for or about children should protect and respect the diverse cultural heritage of Aisan societies.

be accessible to *all* children.

provide for the girl child and counter the widespread discrimination against the girl child, and,

provide for children with special needs, children in especially difficult circumstances, children of indigenous communities and children in situations of armed conflict.

Resolve also, that all media about children should :

adopt policies that are consistent with the principles of non-discrimination and the best interests of all children.

raise awareness and mobilise all sectors of society to ensure the survival, development, protection and participation of all children;

address all forms of economic, commercial and sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the region and ensure that such efforts do not violate their rights, particularly their right to privacy;

protect children from material which glorifies violence, sex, horror and conflict, and

promote positive values and not perpetuate discrimination and stereotypes

Reslove further, that all media for children should:

be of high quality, made specifically for them, and do not exploit them;

support their physical, mental, social, moral and spiritual development;

enable children to hear, see and express themselves, their culture, their languages and their life experiences through media which affirm their sense of self and community, while promoting an awareness and appreciation of other cultures;

be wide-ranging in genre and content, but not include gratuitous scenes fo violence and sex, and

be accessible to them at times when they need and can use it.

Resolve finally, that governments, media, non-government organisations, the private sector and other local, regional and intenational agencies should.

provide media education for children and families to develop their critical understanding of all media forms;

provide opportunities for children in creating media and to express themselves on a wide range of issues relating to their needs and interests;

provide sufficient funds and resources to ensure access to and enable the production and dissemination of high quality materials for and about children as well as capacity building for media practitioners so that they could perform their role as developmental agencies.

promote regional and international cooperation through the sharing of research, expertise and exchange of materials and programmes, networking among governments, non-Governmental organisations, media organisations, educational institutions, advocacy groups and other agencies.

provide incentives for excellence through awards at regional and national levels;

provide coordinated monitoring mechanisms and encourage self-regulation at regional and national levels to ensure the implementation of this Declaration, and,

convene as early as possible broad national multi-sectoral consultations to develop action plans, including professional guidelines consistent with this Declaration.

Adopted

5 July 1996

Asian Summit on Child Rights and the Media
Manila

[Translation]

STD in Uttar Pradesh

1007. DR. BALIRAM Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the places in Uttar Pradesh which are likely to be connected with STD dunnig 1996-97,